

How many academies are there?

There are five service academies.

- [U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York](#)
- [U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland](#)
- U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado
- [U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York](#)
- [U.S. Coast Guard Academy at New London, Connecticut](#)

What are the basic eligibility requirements?

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

- **Age:** Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed the 23rd birthday;
- **Citizenship:** Must be a U.S. citizen;
- **Marital Status:** Must be unmarried, not pregnant, and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents;
- **Residence:** Must be a resident of New York's 24th Congressional District; and,
- **Skill / Fitness:** Must meet the medical, physical, and academic requirements of the Academy.

Who do I contact to request an application?

Please contact my Utica District Office at 315-793-8146 or print out an application form and three recommendation forms to fill out.

What must be included in my nomination file?

A complete nomination file consists of the following items:

- Application;
- Three recommendation forms;
- High school transcript (must include your three year average, rank in class, and results of SAT or ACT test scores); and,
- Resume of extracurricular activities.

Who should I ask to fill out the three recommendation forms on my behalf?

We request that at least one of your three recommendation forms is filled out by your High School Principal or Guidance Counselor. Some of the people applicants ask include: teachers, employer, coaches, clergy, and scout leaders.

Although available, Congressman Arcuri does not require a specific recommendation form to be filled out, a written letter of recommendation is sufficient.

What is a Resume of Extracurricular Activities?

This document will highlight activities you have participated in such as: athletics, school sponsored clubs, student government or other leadership roles, awards and honors, community involvement, and work experience.

When is my nomination application due?

All information (Application, Three Recommendations, Transcript and Resume of Extracurricular Activities) must be submitted by Friday, October 15, 2010-No exceptions will be made.

What happens after submitting my nomination application?

After the applications are received, they will be reviewed by my Veterans Advisory Committee, which is composed of veterans, educators and other community leaders in the 24th Congressional District. In addition to reviewing the applications, the Committee will schedule a personal interview with all applicants, which will occur in November. You will be notified of the date, time and location of your interview at this time.

How do you choose applicants to nominate?

Many factors play a part in determining which applicants my Veterans Advisory Committee and I choose to nominate. These include:

- ***School records, class rank, and grade point average***

These are the starting point in considering applicants. Nominees must have strong academic records in order to be prepared for the demanding academy curriculum.

- ***College board scores***

The SAT and ACT tests are another important indicator of whether the applicant is equipped to survive academics at the academies.

- ***Extra-curricular activities (both athletic and non-athletic)***

Equally as important as how applicants do during school hours is what they do outside of them. Extra-curriculars are often a showcase for an applicant's leadership skill and ability to work with others. They also demonstrate the well-roundedness of the applicant.

- ***Motivation***

One of the most important considerations in the selection process is motivation - the candidate's desire to attend an academy. It is also the most difficult to measure. To an extent, motivation can be judged by a candidate's diligence in completing their file, which is one reason those with incomplete files are not considered for nomination. In addition, the essay section of the application is a valuable tool to judge an applicant's motivation level.

- ***Interview***

The formal interview with the selection board is a very important factor in determining the selections. Here the selection boards have a chance to get to know the person behind the application, and see the way the applicant presents himself or herself.

In addition to submitting my nomination application, what else do I need to do?

In addition to applying to my office for a nomination, you must also complete and submit the admissions application to your academy or academies of choice. I encourage you to immediately begin this process. You can contact each academy by using the information below:

United States Air Force Academy
Director of Admissions
Colorado Springs , Colorado 80840
1-800-443-9266
www.usafa.af.mil United States Military Academy
Admissions Office
West Point , New York 10996
1-800-822-ARMY
www.usma.edu
United States Merchant Marine Academy
Admissions Office
Kings Point , New York 11024
1-800-732-6267
www.usmma.edu United States Naval Academy
Director of Candidate Guidance
Annapolis , Maryland 21402
1-800-249-7707
www.usna.edu

Are the requirements the same for all of the service academies?

No. Although many of the qualifications are similar, each academy operates under its own admissions guidelines. Visit the academy of your choice via the web sites noted for each academy's particular admissions qualifications.

* The United States Coast Guard Academy does not require congressional nominations. If you are interested in attending the USGC Academy please contact admissions at 203-444-8501 or visit their website at www.cga.edu.

Will I automatically be selected by the academy after I receive a nomination?

No. You will be placed among a select group of nominees, and the academy of your choice will make the final decision. If selected, you will receive an offer of admission (an appointment) directly from the academy.

What if I choose more than one academy? Will I be limited to a single nomination?

No. You can be nominated to multiple academies depending on how well you have competed among this year's pool of candidates. It is also possible to win multiple appointments.

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